



Dear Class 1,

Class 1 Curriculum Letter Spring 2025

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and a wonderful new year! We have already made a brilliant start to the Spring term, with lots of excited and eager children returning to school. It is lovely to have all of Class 1 back together! Our goal is continuing to keep everyone safe while making this new term interesting and educational for all. Thank you for making me feel so welcome!

Our PE day is on a **Monday** and for the first half of the term we will be focusing on gymnastics and rolling balls. The second half of the term will consist of striking and fielding games. Children **do not** need to bring their PE bag into school, **they should come into school on Monday's ready**. Please check your child has:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- Singleton school hoodie
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced by **black** joggers)
- Trainers or pumps

***All earrings must be taken out before the PE day.** Children must not wear earrings for PE. If the child cannot remove the earrings they will take a non-active role in the lesson.

School Timetable:

The school day will be jam-packed with fantastic, enriched learning opportunities, and we anticipate having lots of fun. We have a broad and balanced curriculum, with lots of fantastic topics and opportunities to engage and acquire new skills.

Literacy: As always, there will be a focus on developing fundamental skills in reading, writing, and SPAG. Spelling and handwriting are equally crucial and should be practised. Starting on Friday, January 10, 2025, spelling lists will be distributed every Friday, with tests the following week. We will also be continuing to use our fantastic scheme which has a focus on "Teach through a text". This term, the children will be writing our own narratives after studying the book "The Comet" by Joe Todd Stanton a story about moving house. Following this, Class 1 will be learning to write poetry using "The Owl and the Pussy cat" by Edward Lear.

Numeracy: In Numeracy, we will once more put a lot of effort into mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fractions, money and measurement. Children will continue to acquire and use their Maths skills to solve reasoning and problem solving challenges. As in the previous term, it is vital that MyMaths homework is completed each week as this reinforces the child's learning.

Science: Our new Topic is "Little Master Chefs" we will be exploring different food types, food hygiene, designing and creating our own salads. Then exploring how to keep food fresh, designing and making our own sandwiches. The second topic will be "Polar Places" we will focus on the animals who live in cold places. Class 1 will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will identify and name carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will explore the concept of camouflage and how it helps animals to survive.

Topic: In the first half term, we have an exciting Geography unit on Food. Class 1 will be identifying where our food comes from and locating parts of the world. After half term, our History unit will be "Holidays" We will explore how holidays have changed over time.

RE: We will continue to follow the Diocese plans and units. Our first unit of work is "What made Jesus special? This will involve exploring Bible stories that reveal Jesus was an extraordinary person who welcomed everyone as a friend. Our second unit is "How do symbols help us to understand the story" children will develop understanding of the Easter story.

PHSE: We will continue to follow the Coram Education Scheme in PHSE, Keeping myself safe, Rights, and respect.

Music: Our fun music lessons will be based on Orchestral instruments using Traditional stories. Then we will focus on timbre and rhythmic patterns using fairytales.

Computing: Using our fantastic resource Purple Mash, we will be learning about online bullying and online safety. The children will use Purple Mash for Lego builders and technology outside of school.

ART & DT: DT will be taught through Fantastic Friday. We have a brilliant topic of "Making a moving story book" in which we will be researching mechanisms and building our own. Following this we will be planning, designing and building our vehicle using wheels and axels.

Important information Recap:

Book Changing day is **MONDAY**.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. This will include at least:

- MyMaths home work
- Spellings

Homework is a crucial element of school that reinforces the learning we do. This partnership allows us to be cohesive in our expectations. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your children to undertake and complete homework tasks in order to promote:

- positive attitude to work
- self-esteem and a sense of achievement
- improved standards of performance

Early reading in Key Stage 1 is extremely important. It is vital that every child is heard reading daily at home and then this must be recorded in reading diaries. Please have discussions about the book and ensure that children have an understanding of what they are reading. Re-reading of books is also important. It is recommended that early reading books should be read at least three times for children to fully understand the book.

Homework grid below:



Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
1	20 – 25 mins per night	10 mins reading each night.	My Maths	20/30mins	Friday online	Friday online	Throughout the year the children will also have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Talk' for writing homework when relevant and linked to literacy or a Talk Project (this starts in the Summer Term) Reading book information Books will be changed on MONDAY
		5 mins times tables per day. (For Year 2 and Year 1 can also join in if they wish)	Spellings	Daily	Friday on paper	Friday tests	
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I am very much looking forward to 2025 and all the exciting and fun days we will be having at school! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries/concerns. We continue to operate an open door policy, please feel free to contact me on drop off and pick up each day with any questions or concerns.

Many Thanks

Mrs Warner
Class 1 Teacher